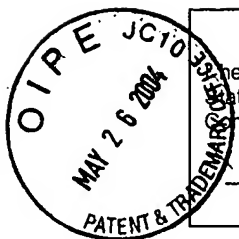


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the Official Action mailed May 13, 2004 having a one-month period for response expiring on June 13, 2004.

Election/Restriction Requirements:

Applicant affirms the provisional election made with traverse to prosecute Group I, namely claims 1-32 drawn to compounds of Formula I and compositions thereof.